

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-19 (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the hydrophilicity of layer (ii) is at least twice that of layer (i).
21. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 20 wherein the hydrophilicity of layer (ii) is 3 to 5 times that of layer (i).
22. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein layer (i) has a thickness of 50 to 1,000 microns.
23. (Canceled).
24. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the layer (i) is one which is capable of debriding the wound.
25. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein layer (i) delivers a component to the wound.
26. (Canceled).
27. (Canceled).
28. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein layer (ii) has a thickness of 1,000 to 5,000 microns.
29. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein layer (ii) is a felt comprised of sodium alginate/calcium alginate, sodium calcium carboxymethyl cellulose, sodium zinc carboxymethyl cellulose, sodium calcium polyacrylate or sodium calcium cargeenin.
30. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the film has an MVTR in the presence of moisture vapor alone of 2,000 to 2,500 g m⁻² 24hr-1.
31. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the film has an MVTR in the presence of liquid water of 6,000 to 30,000 g m⁻² 24hr-1.
32. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the film has a thickness of 30-70 microns.
33. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the film is of a polyurethane.

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34. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein an adhesive is provided on the film for bonding the latter to skin around the wound.
 35. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 34 wherein the adhesive is a hydroactive adhesive.
 36. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 35 wherein the adhesive is one which, as a continuous layer having a thickness of 20 microns, has an MVTR of 15,000 g m⁻² 24hr⁻¹.
 37. (Previously Presented) The wound dressing of claim 47 wherein said first wound contact layer is comprised of calcium alginate.
 38. (Previously Presented) The wound dressing of claim 47 wherein said first wound contact layer is comprised of a material which promotes clotting via agglutination of red cells.
 39. (Previously Presented) The wound dressing of claim 38 wherein said first wound contact layer is composed of chitosan.
 40. (Canceled).
 41. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein layer (i) is a felt.
 42. (Canceled).
 43. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein said first wound contact layer (i) comprises zinc alginate.
 44. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein said first wound contact layer (i) comprises silver alginate.
 45. (Canceled).
 46. (Previously Presented) A dressing as claimed in claim 42 wherein first wound contact layer (i) comprises silver alginate.
 47. (Amended) A wound dressing comprising in combination,

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- (i) a first non-woven wound contact layer which comprises an alginate or a material which promotes clotting via agglutination of red cells;
 - (ii) a second non-woven layer of greater hydrophilicity than the first layer applied to said first wound contact layer, said first and second layers being needled together; and
 - (iii) a breathable film associated with said first wound contact layer and said second layer having an increased MVTR capability in the presence of liquid water as compared to moisture vapor alone.